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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte SCOTT A. MOSKOWITZ and MARC COOPerman

Application No. 08/999,766

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) on March 12, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below:

On page 5 of the Examiner's answer under the **Prior Art of Record** heading, the Examiner lists the references relied upon in support of his rejection of the claims on appeal. It is necessary for the BPAI to have a copy of the references relied upon by the

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Examiner in formulating a decision on an appeal. The following listed references are not found in the file:

Schneier, B. Applied Cryptography, First ed., 1994, pp-67-68, 224-226. [missing pgs. 224-226 of reference]

Bender, W., D. Gruhl, N. Morimoto "Techniques for data hiding", Proc. SPIE vol. 2420: Storage and Retrieval for Image and Video Databases 111, pp. 164-173, publ. March 1995.

Cox, I. J. et al. "Secure Spread Spectrum Watermarkings for Multimedia, NEC Research Institute, Technical Report 95-10, 33 pp.

Accordingly, it is

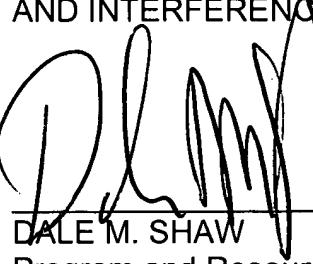
ORDERED that the application is being returned to the Examiner for the Examiner to supply the BPAI with a copy of the missing references and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the status of the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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